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Applicant

William FORD et al.

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09/988,978

Title of Invention

PROCESS FOR IMMOBILIZATION OF NUCLEIC ACID
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- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	14	Minus	** =20	* 0 x	\$18 (9)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	1	Minus	*** =3	* 0 x	\$84 (42)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

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- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$280(140) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the _____ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a _____ extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ petition for extension of time.
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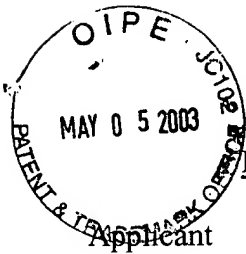
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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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